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For: RESIN SHEETS CONTAINING DISPERSED PARTICLES AND LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAYS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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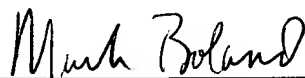
Japanese Patent Application No. 6-238853 discloses a transparent film comprising an epoxy resin and an inorganic oxide. On the other hand, the present invention is characterized in that inorganic oxide particles are dispersed in base layer. Thus, structure differs between this reference and the present invention.

Japanese Patent Application No. 7-24400 discloses a coating film having inorganic fine particles dispersed therein. On the other hand, in the present invention, inorganic oxide particles are dispersed in a base layer. Thus, structure differs between this reference and the present invention.

Japanese Patent Application No. 11-64611 discloses a light diffusing sheet and corresponds to the prior art described in the first full paragraph on page 2 of the present specification. The resin sheet containing dispersed particles according to the present invention is mainly used as a liquid crystal cell substrate. Even though a light diffusing sheet is not used, the sheet of the present invention can prevent glitter and exhibit good display characteristics.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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